



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 29, 2026

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf of springtime.

— Martin Luther

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, pursue Your road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

— Henry Hart Millman

Luke seems to pick stories involving tax collectors and prostitutes. They exemplify notorious sinners. It's as if he's testing us. Have we grasped God's grace? How do we react when a promiscuous woman kisses the body of Jesus? Do we celebrate God's grace, or are we scandalized? The grace of God turns out to be uncomfortable and embarrassing. Jesus is socially disruptive; his radical grace disrupts social situations. And we don't like church to be disrupted.

— Tim Chester

For God's glory, we are making disciples of Jesus as we worship, love, and serve.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Zechariah 9:9

*Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!*


**All: Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

 CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

HYMN OF ADORATION

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Chorus




Hail to the Lord's a - nointed, great Da - vid's great-er Son! Hail in the
time ap - pointed, His reign on earth be - gun! His reign on earth be-gun!

Verses



1. He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
2. He comes with com - fort speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong;
3. To give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turned to light,
4. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
5. The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion and rule in eq - ui - ty. [to Chorus]
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong. [to verse 3]
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in His sight. [to Chorus]
love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in His path to birth. [to Chorus]
His name shall stand for - ev - er, that name to us is Love. [to Chorus]

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PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: This we pray in the name of the One Who taught us to pray, saying:

**All: Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever,
Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor", *Trinity Hymnal* No. 235
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READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 12:12-19 | Pew Bible p. 899

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

"Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 103:8-9

*Leader: The LORD is merciful and gracious,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
 He will not always chide,
 nor will he keep his anger forever.*

CORPORATE CONFESSION

**All: Almighty God, Maker of all things,
 We have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed.
 Have mercy upon us.
 Since you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, for us,
 since he bore all our sins on the cross,
 since the record against us was nailed to his cross,
 forgive us now in his name, Amen.**

PERSONAL CONFESSION

Leader: Lord, hear us now as we confess our personal sins.

WORDS OF COMFORT

Psalm 103:10-12

*Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 33

Q: What is justification?

**A: Justification is an act of God's free grace,
wherein He pardons all our sins, and accepts us
as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness
of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.**



HYMN OF HOPE

Before the Throne of God Above



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect plea: a great High
(2. When Sa-tan) tempts me to des-pair and tells me of the guilt with-in, up-ward I



Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the



gra - ven on His hands; my name is writ - ten on His heart. I know that
sin - less Sav-ior died, my sin - ful soul is count-ed free. For God the



while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de - part. No tongue can
Just is sa - tis - fied to look on Him and par - don me, to look on



bid me thence de - part. 1. Him and par - don 2. When Sa - tan me. 3. Be - hold Him



there, the ri - sen Lamb! My per - fect, spot - less Right-teous - ness. The great un -



change - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace. One with Him -



self I can-not die. My soul is pur - chased with His blood. My life is



hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav-ior and my God. One with Him -



God, with Christ my Sav-ior and my God, with Christ my Sav-ior and my God.

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GIVING OF FIRSTFRUITS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

Take a moment to fill out and pass the Friendship Register located on your pew. Our goal in this register is to welcome visitors, shepherd the flock here at LPC, and to help us all connect more intentionally with the life of our church.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Hosanna to the Living Lord!

Hosanna to the living Lord!
Hosanna to the incarnate Word!
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King,
Let earth, let heav'n hosanna sing!
Hosanna, Lord! Hosanna!
Hosanna in the highest!

"Hosanna, Lord!" your angels cry.
"Hosanna, Lord!" your saints reply.
Above, beneath us, and around,
The dead and living swell the sound:
Hosanna, Lord! Hosanna!
Hosanna in the highest!

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Be honor, praise and glory giv'n
By all on earth and all in heav'n.
Hosanna, Lord! Hosanna!
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna to the Lord!

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: *The peace of Christ be with you.*

All: **And also with you.**

Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.

The "passing of the peace" plays a significant role in our liturgy. 1 Corinthians 11:18-19 implores us not to let factions and divisions remain in our midst. Thus, the peace calls us to move toward our brothers and sisters as Christ moves toward us in reconciling grace and mutual love.

CORPORATE PRAYER

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 7:36-50 | Pew Bible p. 864

One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. ³⁷ And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸ and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." ⁴⁸ And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

*Leader: All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.*

**All: The grass withers, the flower fades
but the word of our God will stand forever.**

SERMON | OUR SINS, THEY ARE MANY, HIS MERCY IS MORE!

REV. JOSH JOHNSON

NOTES:

HYMN OF GRACE

His Mercy Is More



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam?
3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us.



Om - ni - scient, all - know - ing, He counts not their sum.
What Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home?
His blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost.



Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore. —
He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor.
We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford.



Our sins, they are man - y, His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord, —



His mer - cy is more. — Strong - er than dark - ness,



new eve - ry morn. Our sins, they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.

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BENEDICTION

Jude 24-25

Elders will be available to pray with you in the front of the sanctuary at the conclusion of the worship service.

Leader: Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

RESOURCES USED FOR STUDY IN LUKE:

Luke, Focus on the Bible Commentary, Dale Ralph Davis

Luke, Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament, Darrell L. Bock

Luke, Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament, David E. Garland

Echoes of Scripture in the Gospels, Richard B. Hays

Reading Luke: Interpretation, Reflection, Formation, Scripture and Hermeneutics

Series, eds. Bartholomew, Green, and Thiselton

A Theology of Luke-Acts, Darrell L. Bock

From Adam and Israel to the Church, Benjamin Gladd

Luke, New International Commentary on the New Testament, Joel B. Green

Luke, New International Greek Testament Commentary, I. Howard Marshall

STEWARDSHIP

Through the end of February 2026:

Budget FYTD	\$764,176
Received FYTD	\$821,211
Expenditures FYTD	\$698,609

FAITH PROMISE GIVING:

LPC fiscal budget year is July 1st to June 30th.

Through the end of February 2026:

General Fund transfer to missions	\$80,000
Faith Promise Giving:	\$63,021
Missions Disbursements	\$120,086

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SUNDAYS AT LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 8:45 - 9:30 am

Gathered Worship 10 am

Nursery provided for age 2

Children's Church provided for ages 3 and 4

Adult Sunday School Communities

Foundations | room 204, 20s to 40s

Christ in the Home | room 201, 40s to 60s

Christ in Culture | Tomlin Hall, 50s to 70s

Christ in the Word | Parlor, 60s and above

Ladies Class | room 202, 50s and above

Children

Nursery, age 1 and under | room 105

Ages 2-3 | room 106

Ages 4-5 | room 103

Grades 1-2 | room 206

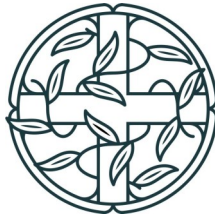
Grades 3-4 | room 209

Grade 5 | room 205

Youth

Middle School | room 212

High School | Youth Room



WELCOME TO LPC!

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We invite you to experience the meaning of the Gospel through this service, which reflects both ancient and modern elements of Christian worship. When we gather as a worshipping community, we enter into a dialogue with the living God. God calls us into worship, we rejoice in the hope of the Gospel, confess our sins, lament the brokenness of our world, give our offerings, and hear God's Word read and preached. We hope that by worshipping with us, you will experience joy and hope from a community of people who love Jesus.

Connect Card

Thanks for joining us today.

We would love to come alongside you in your walk with Jesus, whether you're new to our community or you've been here a while.

Visit lexpreschurch.com/connect

or scan the QR code to fill out our Connect Card!



Women's Ministry website and Facebook group:

<https://lexpreschurch.com/womens-ministry/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/LPCWomen>

Youth Ministry Newsletter Subscription

Please scan this QR code with your phone camera.



Fifth Sunday Feast & Fellowship

Lunch today after worship
Tomlin Hall

After lunch join us for an



*You are cordially invited to
LPC Women's Ministry Tea Party
April 18th / 12:00-2:00 pm
Tomlin Hall*

Please register by April 15th



Holy Week

Palm Sunday

March 29th | Sunday School 8:45 am | Worship 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday

April 2nd | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Good Friday

April 3rd | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | Icehouse Amphitheater

Easter Sunday

April 5th | Worship 10:00 am

Red Cross Blood Drive

April 29, 2026 | 1:00 - 6:00pm

Mobile Blood Bus

Ages 16 +



CPR AED CLASS

Saturday, April 25, 2026

9:00am - 12:30pm

Tomlin Hall

Cost - \$25

Max class size - 12

**American
Heart
Association**



Medical and Fire Safety Training

WHO: Elders, Deacons, SS teachers, Nursery workers and Greeters

WHEN: April 19th | 2:00pm

WHERE: Tomlin Hall

WHAT: Dress comfortably | RSVP by April 16th



The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the Maundy Thursday Service on April 2nd



Please prayerfully prepare for our meeting with Jesus at His table.



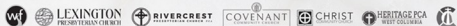
There is no Midweek Reset April 1st or 8th

Community Good Friday Service

Icehouse Amphitheater

April 3rd + 6:30 pm

Community reflection in worship & word over the crucifixion of Christ



SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

BASEBALL
FLAG FOOTBALL
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Registration closes 4/12



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